(b) whether they have received any report of the failure of crops owing to such indifferences;

(c) whether they have enquired into those complaints and, if so, with what result ;

(d) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, what steps the Government have taken to avoid recurrence of the same ;

(e) if the complaints were due to the indifference of the officials, what action the Government have taken to avoid the same in the future ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of replies to (a) and (b).

(d) No answer is necessary in view of reply to (a).

(e) There was no indifference.

The distribution was fair and the crops were good.

Applicant for agricultural loans.

468. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of persons who have applied for agricultural loans in each taluk since 1100 M. E.

(b) the number to whom loans have been granted ;

(c) the average duration between the granting of the loans and the application for the same;

(d) if there be any delay, why;

(e) whether the Government enquire the necessity of the loans before they are granted ;

(f) whether the Government are satisfied with the work turned out after the grant ;

(g) had there been any case where the Government was not satisfied ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—

(a)	Cochin-Kanayannur	1,613
	Mukundapuram	545
	Trichur	383
	Talappalli	105
	Chittur	29
	Cranganur	19
(b)	Cochin-Kanayannur	683
	Mukundapuram	299
	Trichur	87
	Talappalli	12
	Chittur	1
	Cranganur	2

(c) One to 14 months.

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(d) Some delay generally occurs and this is due to (1) inspection and enquiries, (2) getting encumbrance certificates from the Registration Department, (3) remittance of search fees for encumbrance certificates by parties, (4) production of documents by parties, (5) execution of bonds by parties.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) No.

Grant to the Ernakulam Muslim Hostel.

469. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations on behalf of the Muslim Hostel, Ernakulam, requesting for a grant towards the rent of the hostel building?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Nothing of recent memory. If the Member could furnish more details, the Government may be able to trace.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know, Sir, whether the Member for Education referred to the Annual Report of the Muslim Hostel for last year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot exactly say. I could trace no records in the office. There was no special application in the office. I am not quite sure whether it was mentioned in the report of the Muslim Hostel.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I understand that in every report of the Muslim committee it is put.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The insertion in the Annual Report is not equivalent to a representation. I am not quite sure about it.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I did not refer to it as an application. Is any building grant given to the Muslim Hostel?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No building grant is given but other grants are given.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Whether any building grant is given to the Thiyya Hostel?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No, but rent for the building is given.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is the whole rent given?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Only part of the rent is given.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is any contribution made to the Muslim Hostel towards the rent?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I do not think they get any rent.

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